

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 4, lines 19-22 with the following:

Turning now to the drawings, FIG. 1 shows a stud as a u-bolt 5 of a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The u-bolt 5 is composed of a metal, preferably aluminum. According to one aspect of the present invention, the metal is copper. According to another aspect of the present invention, the metal is iron.